Thirty Year War- Last of the Major Religious Wars 1618-1648

Participants-

Lutheran Denmark

Lutheran Sweden

Calvinist Netherlands

Protestant (Calvinist and Lutheran) HRE

Catholic HRE

Spain (Habsburg) Catholic

Austrian (Habsburg)- Catholic

France Catholic

Prussia (part of the HRE) Lutheran

War Starts 1618

* Austrian Habsburg Catholic HRE- ousts Protestant HRE RELIGIOUS WAR
  + Protestants HRE goes to War
  + Catholic HRE supported by Spanish Habsburg Catholic- help Win
* Denmark Lutherans come to aid of Protestant HRE
  + Catholic France (Cardinal Richelieu) supports Protestant Denmark? Why?
  + Protestant side loses
* Swedish Lutherans come to aid of Protestants
  + Catholic France (Cardinal Richelieu supports Sweden!? Why?)
  + Netherlands supports Protestants
  + Lutheran Denmark switches sides to Support Catholic HRE, Austrian Habsburg Catholic and Spanish Catholics, why?
  + Protestant gains

War Ends 1648

Religious War turns into Political War. Thereafter countries decide to more or less stay out of each other’s religious issues. Don’t confuse this with religious toleration w/in a country

Last major Religious War---Millions in HRE (Germany) die

Northern parts of Netherlands- Independence and Protestant

Southern part of Netherlands- (modern day Belgium) stays part of Spain, known as Spanish Netherlands—in 1713 it will become the Austrian Netherlands

An Area of the HRE—Prussia becomes a major European player

Spain in dramatic decline. France ascends!